Dear *LLIS.gov* Member,

I'm proud to announce two exciting new additions to *LLIS.gov*. First, we're pleased to rollout **Practice Notes**, a new type of *LLIS.gov* original content. These "notes" briefly describe the innovative practices, programs, and tactics that emergency responders and homeland security officials across the country are using to meet challenges and overcome obstacles. We developed Practice Notes in response to requests from our user community for a quick and simple way to share timely, topical information – without the rigorous validation process that *LLIS.gov* Best Practices undergo. Practice Notes help others quickly learn about and use cutting-edge ideas and are designed to enable easy replication from one agency to another.

Second, *LLIS.gov* has developed a new Exercise Planning and Program Management resource center. Exercise managers throughout the country are using innovative practices to make exercises more effective, safer, and more realistic. *LLIS.gov* researchers have conducted over 30 in-depth interviews with these experts to develop a series of Exercise Practice Notes. This new *LLIS.gov* resource page highlights these documents and provides our users with unique and hard-to-find information. The exercise page hosts Practice Notes, Lessons Learned, Good Stories, updated HSEEP volumes, and links to the NEXS, ODP Portal, and the HSEEP toolkit. Users can also access a library of after-action reports, exercise planning documents, and news events. The resource center can be accessed here.

Please share your practice notes! Active feedback and input from our members enables *LLIS.gov's* continued expansion and helps us meet the ever-changing needs of the emergency response community. Submit your innovative practices, in any area of homeland security or emergency response, to feedback@llis.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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